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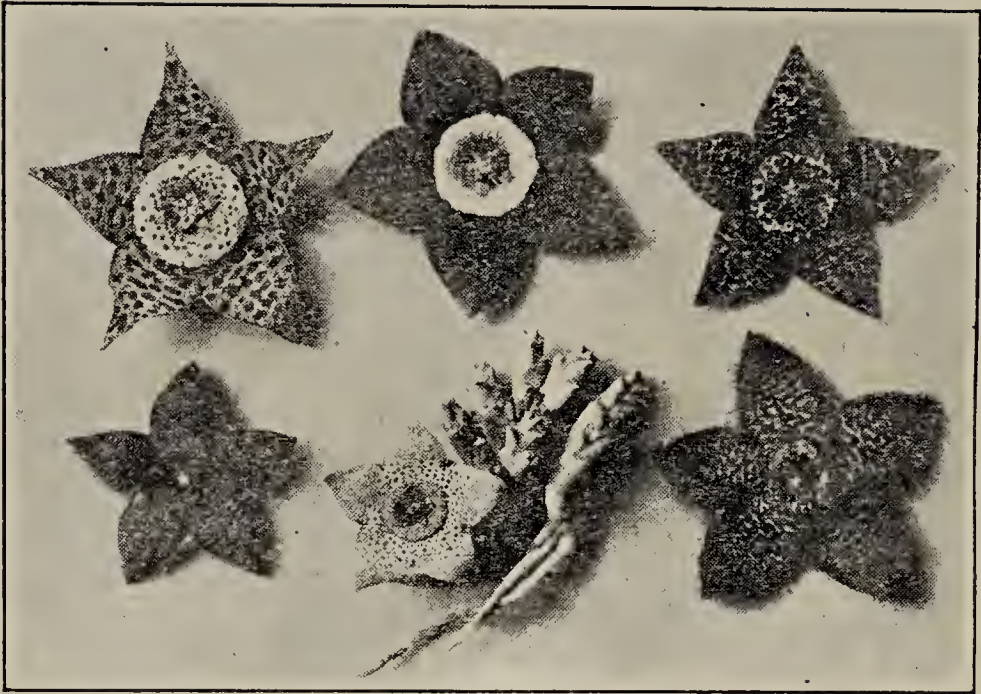


Ceropegia radicans

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THE STAPELIAS



**Buena
Maculosoides**

**Nopenackii
Pulchella**

**Uranus
Maculosa**

The very latest introduction in the plant world to jump into sudden popularity are the Stapelias of South Africa. Pronounced Sta-pe'li-a. These plants have many good points to commend them. They present no difficulties in cultivation, thrive in any good soil, endure free watering when well established, and bloom over a long period. While they may be planted out in full sun in warm climates, they will not endure much frost. In cold climates they may be planted out in the spring and repotted in the fall. As house plants their one objectionable feature is the more or less offensive odor of the blossoms. This is most pronounced in the larger flowered species. Therefore for indoors only it would be better to select the smaller flowered sorts in which the odor would probably not be perceptible. The bizarre color combinations of the blossoms, often spotted, mottled or streaked, run mostly in dark neutral shades of purple and tints of yellow.

The following list is the most comprehensive as yet published in this country. Many of the species are now offered

for the first time. The supply of these rare sorts is very limited and will not be equal to the demand. *Stapelia variegata*, the most common species, has long been in cultivation. It is sometimes known as toad cactus, though the *Stapelias* are allied to the milkweed, rather than the cacti. Unfortunately, many varieties and hybrids of this species have come into existence to confuse the collector. In fact, there are so many of these minor variations that they must simply be ignored in a commercial list of these plants. The nomenclature of the *Stapelias* is in a rather muddled condition at this time, though strenuous efforts are being made to weed out the varieties and get the different species properly identified.

The prices given are for rooted plants of about three stems unless otherwise stated.

Stapelias and allied plants are subject to the infestation of a subterranean plant louse that is very troublesome. No definite treatment has as yet been worked out, but probably Nico Dust dug in around the stems and coarse tobacco on the surface will be quite effective. Another treatment that has given good results is to give a thorough watering with a solution of Evergreen, one teaspoonful to a pint of water.

S. *deflexa*. Commonly known in California as *hirsuta*. Flower 3 inches diameter, deep maroon or purplish crossed by light lines. 20c

S. *hirsuta* var. *patula*. Three inches or more, deep maroon on tips of lobes, lighter toward the base, crossed by many light lines. Center conspicuously hairy. 20c

S. *incomparabilis*. Four inches, smooth, dull reddish purple. This and the two preceding are free bloomers for the rockery. 20c

S. *cantabrigiensis*. Stems green, up to 10 inches high. Flowers 5 inches diameter, dark purplish crossed by light lines, hairy toward the center. Single stem. 50c

S. *maculosa*. Three inches, reddish purple with light lines. 35c

S. *maculosoides*. Two inches, blackish purple, crossed by light lines. 35c

S. pulchella. This is a dainty pot plant. Stems 2 to 3 inches tall, strongly mottled. Flower 1½ inches diameter, light yellow with dark dots. A good bloomer. 35c

S. verrucosa. Stems about 3 inches high. Flowers similar to the preceding and a little larger. A good pot plant. 35c

S. desmetiana. Stems large. Flower 4 to 5 inches diameter, purplish on the outer half of the lobes, greenish toward the center. Single stems. 50c

S. trifida. Name not verified. Three inches diameter, dark reddish purple on outer half of lobes, barred with the same color and crossed by narrow light lines on the lower half. Crown rather small, with purple dots. Fine and rare. Single stems. 50c

S. bufonia, as commonly known in California. Low growing, stems roundish at the tip. Flower 2 inches diameter, yellow with dark purple spots. Not a free bloomer. 15c

S. schintzii. Six to 8 inches diameter. Lobes remarkably long-pointed, uniformly lustrous reddish or brownish purple. Very fine, but odor too strong for house culture. Single stems. 25c

The following names are here used for commercial purposes only, and must not be regarded as authentic.

Anguinea. Three inches diameter, light yellow with dark purple spots. Crown one inch or more diameter with large dark purple spots. Variegata variety. 25c

Geminata. Two and one-half to 3 inches. Lobes greenish yellow with dark purplish spots. Crown one inch diameter, golden yellow with brown spots. Handsome. 25c

Uranus. Two inches or more diameter, strongly mottled with blackish purple. Crown yellow with large dark purple spots. Rather low of growth. 35c

Nopenackii. Two and one-half inches. Lobes dull purplish crimson with faint cross lines. Crown pale yellow with pinkish spots. This species is distinct from all the others. For the benefit of collectors I will say that this has been identified as apparently *S. angulata*, but *nopenackii* is too good to lose. 50c

S. sp. Three inches diameter, dark brown-purple all over; marked with large indistinct darker spots. Apparently hybrid. 25c

The two following I imported under names plainly erroneous, so I will refer to them as buena and supreme.

Buena. Two and one-half inches, greenish yellow with large dark purplish spots. Crown light yellow with dark spots. 25c

Supreme. Two and one-half inches, pale yellow more or less flushed with purple, and with many small purplish spots. Crown small, pale yellow with small spots. Rare. 50c

FOR FUTURE DELIVERY: Sororia, gemmiflora var. hircosa, asterias, leendertziae, cupularis (?), gigantea pallida, glabricaulis, pulchella moss variety, kwebensis var. longipedicellata, peglerae, parvipunctata variety, fleckii, grandiflora, dinteri.

GENERAL LIST

Ceropegia woodii. A charming delicate vine. Leaves heart-shaped, silvery along the veins. 20c

C. barklyi. Similar to the above except that the leaves are longer and pointed. 20c

C. stapeliae formis. An odd twining leafless succulent. Good bloomer. 25c

C. radicans. Flowers odd. Rare. 50c

Cereus pitajaya monstrosus. A cactus of odd, contorted growth. 25c and up

Opuntia diademata. Low growing, with papery spines. Single joints. 75c

O. erinacea. Grizzly bear. Flat joints covered with long white hairs. 20c

O. monocantha var. Joints variegated green and white. 20c

O. rubescens. Joints dark green, spineless. 20c

Pachycereus marginatus. Organ pipe. 50c and up

Cephalocereus senilis. Old man cactus. Specimen plants. \$10.00 and up

RHIPSALIS AND ALLIES

Plants of pendant habit.

R. paradoxa	25c
R. penduliflora	20c
R. pentaptera	20c
R. prismatica	20c
Lepismium cruciforme	20c
Hatiora salicornoides	15c

Full list on request.

Grafted rattail cactus	35c
Kleinia pendula. A leafless succulent. Flowers orange.	20c
Crassula perfossa. Buttons on a string. Excellent pot plant.	
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C. arborescens. True. An unusual pot plant.	20c
Gasterias. Small, in lots of not less than 50, 2c each: larger plants, 5c.	
G. verrucosa	15c

Euphorbia cereiformis	15c and up
E. mammillaris	15c and up
E. lemaireana	75c
E. polygona	50c

Full list on request.

Haworthia atrovirens	25c
H. coarctata	10c, 60c per dozen



Euphorbia grandicornis

H. margaritifera	10c, 60c per dozen
H. recurva (?)	25c
H. hybrida	15c
H. rigida	15c
H. denticulata	25c
H. reinwardtii	35c
H. sp. Two unnamed varieties	25c each
H. tortuosa var. pseudorigida	25c
Rochea falcata	15c

<i>Sansevieria cylindrica</i>	25c
<i>Yucca aloifolia</i> var.....	25c
<i>Senecio crassissimus</i>	25c



Anthericum goldieanum

ASCLEPIADS

<i>Caralluma lutea</i>	25c
<i>C. leendertziae</i>	25c
<i>C. europaea</i>	25c
<i>C. pseudonebrownii</i>	75c
<i>C. lugardii</i>	75c
<i>C. mammillaris</i>	75c
<i>Huernia penzigii</i>	25c
<i>H. transvaalensis</i>	35c
<i>H. loesneriana</i>	20c

<i>H. schneideriana</i>	20c
<i>H. thureti</i>	25c
<i>H. pillansii</i> . Occasional	\$2.00
<i>H. sp.</i>	35c
<i>Huerniopsis decipiens</i>	25c
<i>Piaranthus foetidus</i>	15c
<i>P. cornutus</i>	35c



Cryptanthus discolor

<i>P. comptus</i>	35c
<i>Duvalia radiata</i>	25c
<i>D. reclinata</i>	25c
<i>D. hystrix</i>	25c
<i>D. hystrix</i> variety	25c
<i>D. polita</i>	25c
<i>D. angustiloba</i>	35c
<i>D. hirtella</i>	25c
<i>D. pubescens</i>	25c
<i>Tavaresia grandiflora</i>	\$1.00

SPECIAL

Euphorbia grandicornis. The most striking plant in existence. Grows fast in the growing season and makes large specimens. Unexcelled as a show plant. I have a limited number of small plants 6 to 8 inches high at **50c**; larger **\$1.00 and up**.

Anthericum goldieanum. A handsome rare plant suitable for pot or basket. Leaves light green with a broad white central band, or striped green and white. **35c**

Adromischus maculatus. Small plants.....**\$1.00**

Graptopetalum amethystinum. Good plants..... **75c**

Cyanotis somalica. Good basket plant.....**20c**

Euphorbia nivulea. Sizes and prices on request.

Rhipsalis pachyptera. Single joints.....**50c**

R. platycarpa. Single joints.....**50c**

Kleinia stapeliaeformis. Rare.....**75c**

Apicra pentagona......**50c**

A. bicarinata**75c**

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**Haworthia
attenuata**

**Aloe
variegata**

THREE HANDSOME PLANTS FOR TABLE OR DESK DECORATION

Cryptanthus discolor. Low growing, leaves reddish, sharply undulate. Rare. Single rosettes 50c

Haworthia attenuata. Leaves green with raised white dots. Normal height 3 to 4 inches. 25c

Aloe variegata. Leaves green with white spots and bands. Small plants 25c, 3 inches high 50c.

In the last few years a great variety of plants have been imported from foreign countries. Many of them are recognized as important additions, others have proven of little value. In the foregoing pages I have enumerated some of the more desirable sorts for the collector and plant lover, selected from my large list, which comprises one of the largest collections of rare plants in the country.

**None of the foregoing plants are hardy in
cold climates**



Opuntia diademata

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